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I take my personal and business tax dollars seriously and don't think the EPA should waste it cleaning a part of the river that really doesn't need an extreme overhaul. The Willamette River is one of the main attractions for downtown. Clogging up the area to clean a river that will most likely heal itself takes away the livability option, and discourages tourists who want to visit Portland.

The way taxes were collected last time to put in storm drains was a complete mess. I have already paid for one Superfund. I don't want to pay for another. Nature was made to regenerate itself. Even when Mount St. Helen's blew and destroyed a lot of stuff, things eventually returned naturally. Now, everything is beautiful again. If nature can get rid of chemicals at the bottom of the river, we need to let that happen. Of course, monitor things to make sure that's accurate, but do so without altering or damaging something that doesn't need to be fixed.

Having once worked downtown, I share the concerns of many on what this may do to our green spaces. People can walk and ride their bikes. Also, this proposal will potentially ruin it for tourists and the economy. There are a few restaurants right on the river where you can sit and watch ducks go by. I've been on tour boats that take you to places you can't see from the road. It's very relaxing. Limiting these attractions with the closing of areas along the river will bring the economy down.

It bothers me that the EPA would ignore data just to fix things that are not really broken. It should look into other areas where resources need to be spent. The government needs to remember to be good stewards of all our resources, not just money, but also our green spaces. Do not come in and make changes without sound reasons.

(b) (6) Sincerely,

Owner